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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1 with the following paragraph:

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While many of the signal flows described herein relate to Media Gateway Control Protocol (MGCP) described in RFC 2705 available from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), other signalling protocols such as, for example, H.323 available from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Session Initialization Protocol described in RFC 2543, March 17, 1999 and available from the IETF, the Media Gateway Control (MEGACO) and H.248 protocols available from the IETF and ITU, respectively, Network-based Call Signalling (NCS) described in "PacketCable™ Network-Based Call Signalling Protocol" available from Cable Television Laboratories, Inc., at ~~www.packetcable.com/specs/pkt-sp-cc-mgcp-102-991201.pdf~~, Distributed Call Signalling (DCS) described in a draft entitled "Architectural Considerations for Providing Carrier Class Telephony Services Utilizing SIP-based Distributed Call Control Mechanisms", June, 2000 and available from the IETF, and others could also be employed. The contents of each of these protocols is hereby incorporated herein by reference.